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NUCLEAR COUNCIL

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1. SUMMARY. IN ITS FEB. 17 EDITION THE NEWSPAPER
"BONNER GENERALANZEIGER" CARRIES AN OFFICIALLY
CONFIRMED REPORT ABOUT THE CREATION OF A
GOVERNMENT CABINET-LEVEL "NUCLEAR COUNCIL" WHICH
WILL DEAL WITH PROBLEMS OF THE PEACEFUL USE OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY AND THE ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS OF
EXPORT OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. AN ADVISORY "COUNCIL
FOR THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY" WILL
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ALSO BE FORMED WITH PROMINENT REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE INDIVIDUAL GERMAN STATES, OF THE MAJOR
POLITICAL PARTIES AND OF ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC
ORGANIZATIONS AS MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CABINET COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF OFFICIALS
FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND FROM THE MINISTRIES

FOR THE INTERIOR, FOR ECONOMY AND FOR RESEARCH
AND TECHNOLOGY AND, IF NECESSARY, FOR FINANCE.
IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS COMMITTEE
TO COORDINATE NUCLEAR POLICY MATTERS WITHIN THE
GOVERNMENT. SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE FOCUSED ON
QUESTIONS OF NUCLEAR EXPORTS AND THE NON-
PROLIFERATION OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES. OTHER
TOPICS WILL BE THE ASSESSMENT OF THE NECESSITY FOR,
AND LIMITATIONS ON, NUCLEAR ENERGY AND ALL
PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE BACK-END OF THE FUEL
CYCLE.

3. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, OBVIOUSLY TRIGGERED
BY A SIMILAR COMMITTEE ADVISING THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT, WILL BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
ALL RELEVANT POLITICAL SECTORS IN GERMAN SOCIETY.
THE TEN INDIVIDUAL STATES WILL BE REPRESENTED
BY TWO MINISTER PRESIDENTS: KUEHN, NORTH-RHINE
WESTPHALIA, WILL REPRESENT THE SPD-MAJORITY STATES.
CDU-GOVERNED STATES HAVE NOT YET SELECTED
THEIR REPRESENTATIVE. THE FOUR MAJOR PARTIES WILL
PARTICIPATE THROUGH THEIR PARTY CHAIRMEN AND,
IN ADDITION, THE TWO GOVERNMENT COALITION PARTIES
WILL HOLD SEATS THROUGH THEIR PARLIAMENTARY FLOOR
LEADERS. INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS WILL BE REFLECTED
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF MANNESMANN AG,
OVERBECK. LABOR UNIONS WILL SELECT EITHER KLUNKER
(PUBLIC SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC) OR
SCHMIDT (MINING). PROFESSOR LUEST, PRESIDENT OF THE
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MAX PLANCK SOCIETY, WILL REPRESENT THE SCIENTIFIC
ORGANIZATIONS.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT:

ALTHOUGH THE FIRST MEETING OF THE "ADVISORY
COMMITTEE" IS SCHEDULED FOR THE VERY NEAR FUTURE,
IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT IT CAN RAPIDLY DEVELOP A CONSENSUS ABOUT FUTURE
GOVERNMENT ACTION.

THERE ARE STRONGLY DIVERGENT OPINIONS AMONG THE
MEMBERS. FOR EXAMPLE: MINISTER-PRESIDENT KUEHN
HAS ANNOUNCED A TOTAL FREEZE ON THE CONSTRUCTION
OF NEW REACTORS UNTIL THE PROBLEMS OF THE
BACK-END OF THE FUEL CYCLE HAVE BEEN SOLVED.
HOWEVER, CDU MINISTER-PRESIDENTS HAVE DECLARED
THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
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MUST CONTINUE TO ASSURE A SUFFICIENT ENERGY
SUPPLY. THIS GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AFTER
A CABINET MEETING IN WHICH STATE SECRETARY HERMES
REPORTED ON HIS WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS ABOUT
THE FRG-BRAZIL AGREEMENT. NEWSPAPERS SPECULATED
THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HAD PROPOSED A VOLUNTARY
MORATORIUM ON THE DELIVERY OF THE SENSITIVE
FACILITIES TO BRAZIL. PRESUMABLY SUCH TOPICS
WOULD RECEIVE ATTENTION IN THE CABINET "NUCLEAR
COUNCIL".
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